



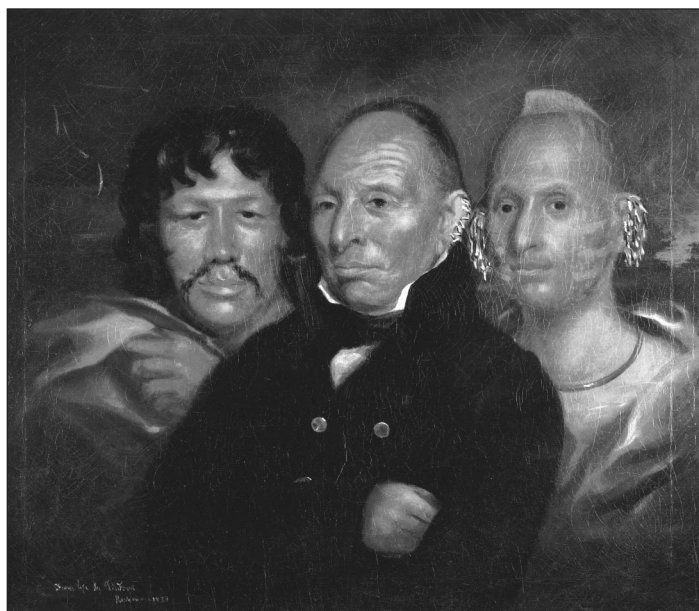
Virginia Collects: Art From Capitol Square TO OPEN AT LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA APRIL 18

Did you know that the state buildings in the Capitol Square area house approximately 400 works of art? Beginning April 18, the Library of Virginia will display more than 50 of the finest and most historically significant paintings and sculptures from the Capitol, the Executive Mansion, the Virginia Supreme Court and the Library itself to highlight the commonwealth's artistic heritage and to keep some of the best works available to the public as the Virginia State Capitol closes for renovation after the 2005 General Assembly session. Continuing through April 1, 2006, *Virginia Collects: Art from Capitol Square* presents works of major figures of American and European art such as Joel Tanner Hart, Harriet Goodhue Hosmer, Jean-Antoine Houdon, John Adams Elder, Alexander Galt, John Frazee, Louis Mathieu Didier Guillaume, William Thompson Russell Smith, John Ross Key and Edward Virginus Valentine.

For more than 200 years the state of Virginia has commemorated its history, culture and notable citizens by commissioning and collecting art. Internationally important works, such as Houdon's statue of Washington, have been on public view in Thomas Jefferson's State Capitol since the 1790s, but the vast majority of the state's art treasures reside outside the public eye in offices and state buildings in and around Richmond's Capitol Square. The collection began with the

commissioning of two works by French sculptor Jean-Antoine Houdon—a bust portrait of the marquis de Lafayette and the Washington statue that has stood in the space provided by Jefferson in the Capitol's Rotunda. Growing by donation and acquisition, the collection today numbers approximately 400 paintings and sculptures by artists who represent not only a history of the artistic life in Virginia, but also the artistic achievement in the United States.

To complement the exhibition, the Library will publish *A Capital Collection: Virginia's Artistic Inheritance*. *A Capital Collection* brings to light the story of this remarkable collection and highlights 29 paintings and sculptures that offer a visual history of the commonwealth. *A Capital Collection* presents full-color images of portraits, sculptures and historical paintings ranging from Hiram Powers's bust of Daniel Webster to Eugène Lami's monumental painting *Storming of the Redoubt* (1840). Each work is supported



The Prophet Wabokieshiek, Black Hawk, and Nasheaskuk (James Westhall Ford 1833)

by descriptive text with biographical sketches of the artists. Exploring the artistic heritage of Virginia, *A Capital Collection*, available May 2005, is a must for readers interested in the rich cultural history of the commonwealth.

—submitted by Barbara Batson,
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LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA IS A “HOT SPOT” FOR WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

The Library of Virginia now provides wireless Internet access. If you have a PDA or laptop computer configured for WiFi, you can gain access the Internet for free in the Library's reading rooms and first floor common areas and meeting rooms, all of which are WiFi “hot spots.” A WiFi “hot spot” is an area where you can pick up a wireless Internet signal. While the Library of Virginia's WiFi system provides high speed Internet access, the speed and strength of the signal will depend on how many people are using the system. ...see **Hot Spot**, pg. 3

Library of Virginia Joins Historical Society and Library of Congress for Online Civil War Map Project

A major collection of Civil War cartographic materials is now available on the Library of Congress Web site as the result of a cooperative project involving the Library's Geography and Map Division, the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Historical Society. The materials are accessible at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps>.

By combining their resources online, the three institutions have increased the value of their individual holdings by allowing enthusiasts, students and scholars easy access to a rich collection of Civil War cartographic items that can be studied and compared.

Materials from the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress include some 2,240 Civil War maps and charts, as well as 76 atlases and sketchbooks that are cited in the book *Civil War Maps: An Annotated List of Maps and Atlases in the Library of Congress*, compiled by Richard W. Stephenson in 1989. They depict battles and engagements, troop positions and movements, and fortifications. Also included on the site are reconnaissance maps, sketch maps, coastal charts and theater of war maps. The vast majority of the maps were prepared by Federal forces or commercial firms in the North, but there are also a substantial number by Confederate military authorities as well as a few by Southern publishers.

The Virginia Historical Society's 400 items on the new Civil War site include maps created by officers of the Confederate Army's Engineer Corps of counties and regions within Virginia. These manuscript maps are distinctive in that they detail not only roads, bridges, waterways and major buildings, but they also identify farms and plantations by owners' surnames. Another set of images from the society is drawn from the multivolume diary and scrapbook of Robert K. Sneden, a private who served with the Army of the Potomac. These consist primarily of battle plans and details of fortifications in both Virginia and elsewhere. The few remaining images in the collection come from the letters of individual soldiers, which are part of the society's manuscript holdings.

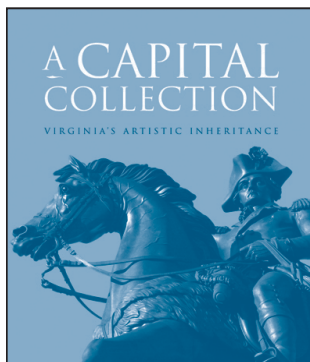
The Library of Virginia's map collection includes about 200 maps relating to the Civil War, which are part of this new online site. Among these are maps that accompanied a report to the Governor of Virginia, Confederate imprints, a variety of printed and manuscript maps of areas in Virginia and a small group of field maps of southwestern Virginia, which were found in books that belonged to Confederate Gen. William W. Loring.

One of the unique manuscript maps from the Library of Virginia is of the fortifications around Charleston harbor. It was done by Edmund Ruffin and dated October 23, 1863. Ruffin was born in 1794 in Prince George County, Virginia, and was an agricultural reformer. He became a proponent of secession and a defender of slavery. He fired one of the first shots in defense of Fort Sumter in Charleston's harbor at the start of the Civil War. In mid-June 1865, with South defeated, his family beset with misfortune and his health failing Ruffin committed suicide.

EXHIBITIONS HIGHLIGHT ARCHIVES AND VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL

Did you know that the archival holdings at the Library of Virginia include pieces of a human skull from a court case and the commonwealth also had a Motion Picture Censors Board? Beginning April 4, 2005, the Library of Virginia will mount a series of exhibitions highlighting its archival holdings. The first exhibition answers the question, "What Is an Archive?" Using materials from Personal and Organizational Papers, Business and Architectural Records, State Records and Local Records, "What Is an Archive?" will explain how archival records are acquired by the Library and how they become available to the public. The conservation of archival records and the retention and use of electronic records will be explored. The next two exhibitions in the series, "The Mystery of History," will explore how archival records are used to answer a variety of questions, for example, where is my family from, how did people cope with war, how did Virginia define ethnicity, what did women think about slavery and how did the commonwealth build a transportation infrastructure. The archives hold countless stories about Virginia and Virginians, and the "Mystery of History" exhibitions will offer a few of these stories to illustrate how researchers have used the collections to answer their questions.

In the café cases beginning April 2005, is "Honoring the Past, Building Our Future" to mark the centennial of the Virginia Library Association. Founded in December 1905 with the support of John P. Kennedy, State Librarian, the Virginia Library Association is a non-partisan organization open to library professionals and others interested in the commonwealth's libraries. The VLA counts among its members representatives from all types of libraries. It provides a voice for librarians who have steered the role of the commonwealth's libraries from warehouses of books to indispensable sources of information to their communities. The Virginia Library Association papers (1905–1999), now in the Library of Virginia, provide many of the materials that will be on display. "Honoring the Past, Building Our Future" will be on view from April 4, 2005, through July 25, 2005.



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REMINDER

WOMEN'S HISTORY SYMPOSIUM SET FOR MARCH 18–19

The “Virginia Women Through Four Centuries” symposium on March 18 and 19 will feature some of best-known historians and researchers in the field of women’s history. The symposium, held in conjunction with the exhibition *Working Out Her Destiny: Women’s History in Virginia*, examines what we have learned about Virginia women since the seminal 1984 exhibition and publication of *A Share of Honour*, produced by the Virginia Women’s History Cultural Project.

Anne Firor Scott, W. K. Boyd Professor Emerita at Duke University and author of *The Southern Lady* (1970, 1995), *One Half the People* (with Andrew M. Scott), *Making the Invisible Woman Visible* (1984), *Natural Allies: Women’s Associations in American History* (1992), and *Unheard Voices: The First Historians of Southern Women* (1993), will offer opening remarks for the symposium.

A Share of Honour’s author, Suzanne Lebsock, will be a featured participant and will guide a discussion of recent research and of questions that remain for future study.

A History Makers Panel with Virginia women who have been pioneers in business, education, law, politics and the media, followed by a reception, will round out the first day’s sessions. Panel participants include Ann Compton, ABC News; Eva S. Hardy, Senior Vice President, Dominion; Meyera E. Oberndorf, Mayor of Virginia Beach; Elizabeth B. Lacy, Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia; and Belle Wheelan, Virginia Secretary of Education.

Registration is required and includes the History Makers Panel, all sessions and a box lunch. The registration fee is \$35. For more information, please call 804-692-3592.

Himmel & Wilson To Conduct Library Study

The consulting firm of Himmel & Wilson has been selected through a competitive bid process to complete a comprehensive study of Virginia public libraries. The study will assist the Library of Virginia in assuring that the commonwealth’s public libraries are prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century as valued community resources responsive to the rapid change in technology and society.

Himmel & Wilson has been providing evaluation services for public libraries, regional library systems and state library agencies for 17 years. Since 1987 the firm has completed more than 170 projects in 35 states. The firm has conducted statewide projects for the Arkansas State Library, California State Library, Connecticut State Library, Delaware Division of Libraries, Georgia Office of Public Library Services, Indiana State Library, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Minnesota Library Development & Services Division, Montana State Library, Nevada State Library and Archives, Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries, State Library of Ohio, Oregon State Library, Texas State Library and Archives and the West Virginia Library Commission.

Ethel Himmel, William J. Wilson, Richard L. Waters and Laura J. Isenstein are the consultants who will work on the study of Virginia’s public libraries. Each holds a master’s degree in library science. Walters is the facilities consultant and Isenstein will work with large urban libraries for the study. Ethel Himmel, who along with Bill Wilson will act as principal consultants, also has a doctorate in library science.

Himmel & Wilson will use a team approach for the study of Virginia’s public libraries. The consultants will review background information on the current public library situation in Virginia and develop a comprehensive series of questions to clarify understanding of existing library programs and initiatives. Interviews will be conducted based on these questions.

On completion of the interviews Himmel & Wilson will use demographic

data and statistics to create charts and graphs illustrating existing conditions for regions and counties. Additional interviews based on this information will be conducted with high-ranking library officials from other states to solicit information about their state’s performance as compared to that of Virginia.

Extensive data-gathering through focus groups involving public library directors, library trustees and stakeholders will occur. Input will also be sought from public officials such as city managers and elected representatives and staff members of individual libraries through individual or small group interviews. Numerous site visits will be made to libraries of all sizes.

The consultants will also develop a series of targeted Web-based surveys to capture input from public library staffs on how to improve library services. Separate surveys for specific groups such as children’s/youth services staffs and reference/information staff as well as more generic surveys will be used.

Data from the interviews, review of background information, focus groups, site visits and surveys will be analyzed and summarized. The heart of the study will then occur—the development of a plan for improving and enhancing library and information services in Virginia. The consultants will meet with the project steering committee to review the data and begin to develop a plan of action. The project steering committee is composed of public librarians and trustees from across the state. The results of this meeting will be the basis of another series of meetings in each of the six Virginia Library Association regions. The consulting team will use these meetings to prepare draft recommendations for review by the Library of Virginia.

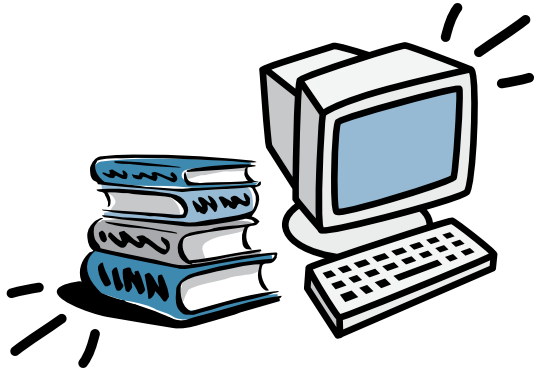
A formal presentation of the findings and recommendations will be prepared and presented to the State Library Board in September and to a session for members of the library community. The study will be completed in the fall of 2005.

Hot Spot... Wireless users will need a PDA or laptop computer configured to gain access to WiFi. If you don’t know if your device is WiFi accessible—or you need a WiFi card for your device—please contact the manufacturer for information. Some WiFi cards automatically know how to

find a wireless signal; others need to be told where to look. If your device does not automatically pick up the Library’s WiFi signal, go to your WiFi program manager and enter **VaLibrary**, service set identifier” (SSID) for the Library of Virginia’s WiFi signal. Once the SSID is programmed,

you should be able to connect to the Internet as usual.

The Library of Virginia’s WiFi network is an open system. It is recommended that users have a personal firewall for security on equipment used for wireless access to the Internet.



Did you know...?

The Library's online catalog system, Ex Libris/Aleph, was upgraded late in December 2004. The new software enhancements bring improvements to many staff aspects of the integrated library system that encompasses cataloging and description, circulation, digital file maintenance, interlibrary loan and acquisitions/serials processing. Patrons will find it easier to understand materials locations—not a small thing in a library as complex as this. Further, Internet users will soon be able to register themselves for Internet sessions and enjoy improved access to a variety of E-mail sites and other locations.

LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICES BEGINS ONLINE CHAT REFERENCE

The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce that it now offers **QuestionPoint**, an online interactive (chat) reference service. The service is now available Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with plans to increase the hours in March. This service gives patrons the option to communicate online and interact through the computer with a librarian. To try this new service, go to the Library's Web site at <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwedo/research.htm>>. Go to "Ask a Librarian" and follow the instructions. This service is recommended for questions requiring quick answers and if used at other times, you will receive an E-mail response later during the Library's regular business hours. E-mail will remain an option and available for anyone who wishes to communicate with the Library of Virginia. For complex questions requiring research, e-mail is the preferred way to contact the Library.

QuestionPoint is a collaborative project of the Library of Congress and OCLC. **QuestionPoint** offers libraries a powerful and easy-to-use resource to provide and manage Web-based reference services. **QuestionPoint** helps libraries manage their reference transactions in a single service. It provides libraries with access to a growing collaborative network of reference librarians in the United States and around the world. Library patrons can submit questions at any time of the day or night through the Library of Virginia's Web site. The questions will be answered online by LVA's library staff or may be forwarded to a participating library around the world.

A NEW ADDITION TO THE EAST READING ROOM DISPLAY RACK: THE THIRD EDITION OF *LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF VIRGINIA*

Arranged by county and city, *Local Historical Societies of Virginia*, prepared by the LVA reference staff, is a source of information about groups dedicated to preserving their local history. Entries include the addresses of the societies, phone numbers, and, if available, E-mail addresses, Web sites and the names of contact people.

A variety of the types of organizations can be found in the directory. Some have Web sites while the smaller groups may only have post office boxes. The updating of the directory is done county by county. Current Web sites such as that of the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society (<http://www.albemarlehistory.org>) include contact information. Otherwise, staff members update the entries through phone calls or E-mails. The only counties for which no historical societies were found are Charlotte and Middlesex. The current directory also includes some genealogical societies. More will also be included in future editions.

An abridged version of this directory can be found online at <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whoware/directories/vhs/index.htm>>. For privacy reasons, names of individuals and addresses are omitted from this version; however links to Web sites are included.

To update or correct the information in the directory, please notify Sarah Huggins at 804-692-3777 or <shuggins@lva.lib.va.us>.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography: In Association with the British Academy, from the Earliest Times to the Year 2000, edited by H. C. G. Matthew and Brian Harrison. (New York and Oxford, Eng. : Oxford University Press, 2004.)

In 1989, with the printing of the second edition of the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the novelist Anthony Burgess pronounced, "There will be no greater publishing event this century than the appearance of the new OED." Had Burgess lived long enough to see the 21st century, he may well have had a similar opinion about the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford DNB). This 60-volume set of concise, yet thorough biographies arranged alphabetically is the culmination of a massive scholarly project that started in 1992 and continued until September 2002. Begun under the editorship of Henry Colin Gray Matthew and continued after his death in 1999 by Brian Harrison, the Oxford DNB contains entries for more than 50,000 individuals who were associated with the British Isles and died before December 31, 2000.

From the 20th-century philosopher Richard Ithamar Aaron, to the 18th century diplomat and politician William Henry Nassau van Zuytlestein, the fourth earl of Rochford, the Oxford DNB includes the famous and the obscure throughout British history. For those researchers familiar with the *Dictionary of National Biography* edition that began in 1885 and included supplements for persons who died before December 31, 1990, the Oxford DNB is not

merely a revision. The research for the Oxford DNB began at the University of Oxford, and is funded by the British Academy and Oxford University Press. Unlike the earlier edition that was written by generalists, the more than 10,000 contributors to the Oxford DNB are specialists. Particularly noticeable are the 3,869 women's biographies that have been added since the 1885 edition. The Oxford DNB also has an entirely new feature, 10,057 images that accompany various biographies.

While obviously concerned with British subjects, the Oxford DNB includes a number of individuals who were born, died or resided in Virginia. The obvious luminaries such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are included, along with an entry for William Lee, Washington's personal slave. The entry for Washington has more than 9,000 words, and classifies him as a "revolutionary army officer and president of the United States of America." It concludes that "though praised for his domestic virtues, Washington, to posterity, was primarily a general, a president, and, in those capacities, the most important founder of his nation." Thomas Jefferson's shorter entry of approximately 6,000 words describes him as "revolutionary politician and president of the United States of America." Possibly reflecting a British sensibility, this biography describes Jefferson as "the quintessentially ambitious provincial, irresistibly drawn toward the metropolis," and "ambitious in a characteristically provincial way."

The Oxford DNB does not limit its subjects to the noble and heroic in history. Consider the life of Mary Young, the leader of an English gang of pickpockets that "operated in crowded places, such as theatres and churches, using techniques that were by turns imaginative and violent." Transported to Virginia in 1738, Young returned to England before her sentence was completed and continued her previous activities until she was hanged in 1741.

With its many informative and often entertaining entries, the Oxford DNB is a valued addition to the large serious reference library. The Library of Virginia is fortunate to own this new version of a classic in biographical scholarship.



2005 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Ruth Arnold, director of the Staunton Public Library and Senator Emmett Hanger at the Library of Virginia's legislative reception on January 26.

Library Provides State Government Employees Access to More Than 550 Newspapers

For several years, the Library of Virginia has provided access to six prominent Virginia newspapers and the *Washington Post* to patrons in its reading rooms through an electronic subscription to NewsBank, the largest newspaper database in existence. Now the Library is expanding its subscription to include more than 550 newspapers from across the country—all in one easy-to-search database. Each paper provides comprehensive coverage of local and regional news, including information about companies, industries and businesses, policies, politics, cultural activities and people in the community. Comprehensively, the database provides a thoroughly rounded view of millions of topics of concern around the nation.

Now through the Library's web site, state officials, legislators and state government employees not affiliated with a college or university can have free in-office access to these newspapers. Users will be able to search newspapers within a state or a specified region or design custom lists of newspapers to meet their needs.

Virginia newspapers in the database are:

Richmond Times-Dispatch (8/19/1985–Current)

Daily Press (Newport News) (1989–Current)

Daily News Leader (Staunton) (6/22/1999–Current)

Dolan's Virginia Business Observer (Norfolk) (3/4/2002–12/29/2003)

The Free Lance-Star (Fredericksburg) (1/2004–Current)

The Roanoke Times (1990–Current)

The Virginian-Pilot (Norfolk) (1990–Current)

National newspapers include the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and *USA Today*. For registration information, please contact Reference Services, 804-692-3777.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Awards Staying Connected Grants

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recently announced \$10.9 million in grants to help public libraries across the country sustain free, public access to computers and the Internet. Grants allow libraries to improve technology training for library staffs and patrons, replace older workstations, upgrade software, obtain faster Internet connections, and increase access to technical support. These grants represent the second and final round of the "Staying Connected" program; \$5.8 million in grants were announced in 2004.

The Staying Connected challenge grants have been awarded to 37 state library agencies and the District of Columbia Public Library to help libraries sustain public access computing programs. The Library of Virginia was awarded \$276,640 in Staying Connected challenge grant money for public libraries. States have matched these funds with local dollars to support technology training and broadband connectivity, as well as hardware and software upgrades for local libraries.

FIFTH GOVERNOR HENRY LECTURE WILL FOCUS ON PATRICK HENRY'S DEPENDENTS

Dr. Cynthia A. Kierner, professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will present the Fifth Annual Governor Henry Lecture at Charlotte Court House on Sunday, April 17, and again at the Library of Virginia on Monday, April 18, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. Her lecture will treat "Patrick Henry's Dependents: Women and Families in Revolutionary Virginia."



Using the experiences of Patrick Henry's family as an example, Professor Kierner will examine the lives of Virginia women and their families during the revolutionary era. How did women and other civilians experience wartime violence and deprivation during the American Revolution? To what extent did they participate in the radical political ferment that accompanied the imperial crisis and the subsequent War for Independence? What effects did the Revolution have on what women did—and what they thought about their roles and rights?

After undergraduate studies in history and political science at McGill University, Professor Kierner received her M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia. In addition to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, she has taught at Concordia University in Montreal and the University of Virginia, and she is currently vice president of the Southern Association for Women Historians.

Professor Kierner's most recent book, *Scandal at Bizarre: Rumor and Reputation in Jefferson's America*, was published in December 2004. Her previous books include *Beyond the Household: Women's Place in the Early South, 1700–1835*, *Southern Women in Revolution, 1776–1800: Personal and Political Narratives*, *Revolutionary America, 1750–1815: Sources and Interpretation and Traders and Gentlefolk: The Livingstons of New York, 1675–1790*.

The annual Governor Henry Lecture is jointly sponsored by ...see [Lecture](#), pg. 7

NEH Approves Virginia Newspaper Project Grant

The Virginia Newspaper Project received approval from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a final three-year grant extension. The grant of \$486,165 will provide funding through the spring of 2008. The NEH grant will support the completion of the VNP's primary objectives, including the completion of fieldwork, cataloging and inventorying of U.S. imprint newspapers housed in Virginia repositories, identifying titles in need of preservation treatment and microfilming all titles at risk of deterioration. Master negative film created by the Newspaper Project will be stored at the Library of Virginia's State Records Center. The grant will permit the staff to investigate the Northern Neck and Eastern Shore areas of the state in search of newspapers to catalog and preserve on microfilm. In addition, Project catalogers will create "Wish Lists," of titles for which no known copies exist. The "Wish Lists" will be shared with colleagues at local libraries, historical societies and museums, and with local media outlets. There are still newspapers lurking in many an old attic and it is the field-worker's goal to find such hidden gems.

The Project obtained two titles in recent weeks purchased through e-Bay that were graciously donated to the Library of Virginia by library staff members. The *"Alleghany Rattler"* is a girl's camp paper from Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The five issues purchased are from 1950 and depict sports, swim meets and campfires as part of the summer routine for campers. The *"Children's Friend"* is a Richmond, Virginia, title printed for children with stories, poems and detailed illustrations. All five issues are from autumn and winter 1877.

The Virginia Newspaper Project staff recently discovered an extensive run of the *Kenbridge-Victoria Dispatch*, (Lunenburg County). The near complete set from 1927 to the present had been housed at the publishing office of the *Dispatch*, in downtown Victoria. The set is an excellent candidate for preservation microfilming because of its brittle condition.

The Virginia Newspaper Project has completed a cooperative filming project with the Library of Congress in which approximately 55 titles were filmed to add West Virginia and Virginia newspaper titles to newspaper holdings in both libraries. These examples of acquisitions, cooperative projects and titles converted to film enhance the newspaper collections at the Library of Virginia.

Project staff members will continue fieldwork in Northern Virginia with trips planned to Arlington County and Mount Vernon, Virginia, in the near future. Watch for a complete report in a future newsletter of the visit to the Mount Vernon archives (created and supported by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association), which houses an intriguing selection of newspapers from the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

The final three years of the project will be dedicated to completion of fieldwork in the approximately 45 remaining counties in Virginia, updating the holdings at major institutions where fieldwork was completed a few years ago to catalog new finds and creating preservation microfilm for titles located during fieldwork. In addition, Project staff will begin identifying and filming titles in the Library of Virginia's collection in immediate need of conservation and preservation as well as exploring digitization options for key titles at the Library of Virginia.

—submitted by the Virginia Newspaper Project,
Collection Management Services



Kozlowski To Serve As Interim Director of Richmond Public Library

Ron Kozlowski, a retired municipal librarian with more than 30 years' experience as a library administrator, will serve as interim director of the Richmond Public Library while a search is conducted for a permanent director.

Kozlowski has served as library administrator in:

- Anne Arundel County, Maryland (Annapolis)
- Miami-Dade County, Florida
- Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Cleveland)
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
- Louisville, Kentucky
- West Florida Regional, Florida (Pensacola)

Prior to these administrative jobs, he taught English and journalism, worked in public and university libraries and served in the Navy.

Kozlowski replaces Robert d'O. Rieffel, who resigned in the fall.

Liberty And Law Weekend To Celebrate Chief Justice John Marshall's 250th Birthday

For nearly five decades Richmonder Chief Justice John Marshall was the city's leading citizen. In 2005 a citywide celebration will be held to commemorate his 250th birthday with special events throughout the year. Liberty and Law Weekend marks the inaugural event of the year long celebration.

Liberty and Law Weekend, with activities suitable for families, will take place on Capitol Square at Grace and Ninth streets April 29-May 1, 2005. The opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 1 p.m. William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at this patriotic community event honoring Chief Justice Marshall with military band music, living history reenactments and more.

Following the opening ceremony, there will be a performance of "Conviction of Duty," a reenactment of an historic conversation that took place between George Washington and John Marshall at Mount Vernon in September 1798. Nationally known actor William Sommerfeld of Philadelphia will portray Washington and Mark Greenough of Richmond will portray Marshall. The performance will be held in the Lecture Hall at the Library of Virginia at 2 p.m.

The Hancock-Wirt-Caskie House at Fifth and Main streets will be open for tours from 3 to 5 p.m. William Wirt was a colleague and friend of Marshall. This house, built in 1808, is privately owned and seldom open to the public. The owner, Aubrey Bowles, is making on-going renovations to return the house to its original elegance. Gregory Glassman, Wirt's biographer, will talk about William Wirt. Other activities include a guided walking tour of Court End and a bus tour of John Marshall's Richmond.

For more information about these events and others planned to celebrate Chief Justice John Marshall, please call 804-648-7998 or visit <www.john-marshall.org>.

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Lecture... the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation and the Library of Virginia. The events are open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Kierner's lecture in the historic courthouse at Charlotte Court House is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2005. Her lecture at the Library of Virginia is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2005. Rare items from the Library of Virginia's Patrick Henry collections, which include Henry's official papers as the first governor of the Commonwealth, will be exhibited that evening. Parking is available in the Library of Virginia underground deck at no charge.

The Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation owns and operates Red Hill, the patriot's last home and burial place overlooking the Staunton River in Charlotte County, Virginia. The Library of Virginia holds the world's most extensive collection of material about the Old Dominion and has been a steward of the Commonwealth's documentary and printed heritage since 1823.

CURRAN JOINS JRW STAFF

Colleen Curran, formerly editor at richmond.com, has joined the James River Writers as executive director. She is an alumna of Virginia Commonwealth University's MFA program. Curran's first novel, *Whores on the Hill*, will be released in May from Vintage.

She will run the daily operations of JRW and assist in expanding its audience and increasing visibility across the region. The JRW 2005 conference will be held at the Library of Virginia, September 30-October 1, 2005.

The Library of Virginia teams with the JRW to present the People's Choice Awards in connection with the group's annual conference and the Library's annual Literary Awards.

Caywood Wins New York Times Librarian Award

Carolyn Caywood, head librarian at the Baywood Area Library in Virginia Beach, is one of 27 librarians to win a New York Times Librarian Award. She was the only Virginia librarian to be recognized. The award honors librarians whose performance and community service have made libraries friendlier and more accessible.

Caywood joined the staff of the Virginia Beach Public Library staff in 1979 as children's services coordinator. In 1984 she became manager of the Bayside Branch Library where she has been instrumental in organizing numerous programs to encourage youth involvement.

A panel of library professionals selected the winners from the nearly 1,500 librarians who were nominated for the award. Award winners receive a \$2,500 prize and a plaque.



Marianne McKee, senior research archivist and map specialist at the Library of Virginia, retired on January 1, 2005. McKee was instrumental in increasing awareness of the Library's extensive map collection. She served with Richard Stephenson as co-editor of *Virginia In Maps: Four Centuries of Settlement, Growth, and Development*, published by the Library of Virginia in 2000.

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